

## VISA FEES

*Exchange of notes at Washington September 7 and 8, 1939*

*Entered into force September 8, 1939*

*Suspended during World War II*

*Replaced by agreement of July 7 and 29, 1947<sup>1</sup>*

Department of State files

*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Secretary of State*

ROYAL NORWEGIAN LEGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C., September 7, 1939

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note verbale of September 5, 1939 (811.11101 Waivers 57--) by which you have been good enough to inform me that you have taken due note of the desire of the Norwegian Government to terminate, as from September 4, 1939, the visa agreement between Norway and the United States of May 10 and July 23, 1929.<sup>2</sup>

In your note you suggest that, if it is the desire of the Norwegian Government to have a modification of the agreement just terminated in order that passport visas, issued gratis or at a small nominal fee, shall be required of American citizens entering Norway and of Norwegian citizens entering the United States as non-immigrants, you will gladly consider any proposal of this nature which the Norwegian Government may wish to make.

Referring to my note of the 3rd instant I have the honor to inform you that I submitted the contents of your note of the 5th instant to my Government, and that I have now been authorized to inform you that on a basis of reciprocity they are agreeable to your suggestion. The Norwegian Government are willing, from the day when the present proposal shall have been agreed to by the Government of the United States, not to collect any fee for visaing passports or executing application therefore, in similar cases as the United States Government do not collect any fee for visaing passports or executing application therefore in the case of citizens or subjects of Norway desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions).

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<sup>1</sup> TIAS 1644, *post*, p. 563.

<sup>2</sup> *Ante*, p. 501.

The cases in which the United States Government will not collect any fee for visaing passports or executing application therefore, are listed in note of May 10, 1929 from the United States Minister, Oslo, to the Royal Norwegian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

W. MORGENSTIERNE

The Honorable CORDELL HULL,  
*U.S. Secretary of State,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

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*The Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Minister of Norway and has the honor to refer to his note of September 7, 1939, informing the Department, in response to its communication of September 5, 1939, that the Government of Norway is willing, on a reciprocal basis, to waive the fees for passport visas and applications therefor in the case of nonimmigrant citizens of the United States (including its insular possessions) of the categories listed in the note of May 10, 1929 from the American Minister at Oslo to the Royal Norwegian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The Department is pleased to have received this proposal from the Norwegian Government, which is fully acceptable to the Government of the United States. American diplomatic and consular officers are being appropriately informed by cable and instructed to collect no fees hereinafter for passport visas and applications therefor in the case of nonimmigrant Norwegian subjects of the categories referred to above.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, September 8, 1939*